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City. Contest

▶ An artist's rendering of highrises jutting from a proposed man-made lagoon in Vancouver's False Creek flats.

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Designers visualize future of viaducts

This submission is one of many that make up re:CONNECT, a city-run design contest aimed at sparking dialogue about possible planning around the eastern core and viaducts. Check out some of the submissions on page 4.

Assaults, stress on rise in jails

'With overcrowding there is more violence' against B.C. correctional officers: Expert

B.C. correctional officers are increasingly being exposed to blood, feces, vomit and urine in a hostile and stressful working environment, according to a new report released yesterday.

Correctional Officers in British Columbia 2011: Abnormal Working Conditions, by SFU criminologist Neil Boyd, cites overcrowding and understaffing as contributing to high stress levels in correctional facilities.

"This stress is due to the increased inmate-to-staff ratio," said Boyd.

Of the 200 officers surveyed from seven B.C. correctional centres, 90 per cent have been exposed to blood and 75 per cent have been exposed to feces, spit and urine over the past year.

Assaults and threats have also contributed to officers' increasing stress levels, with one in four being physically attacked by an inmate and two-thirds receiving a credible threat of harm from an inmate.

"One of the issues is how prevalent assaults have become. In the last decade only a handful of assaults were reported," Boyd said.

His recommendations include reducing the inmate-to-staff ratio to the pre-2002 level of 20 to 1, down from 40 to 1, and making improvements to supervision.

Solicitor general Shirley Bond said the province has begun an aggressive $185-million expansion to correctional facilities that will add 200 correctional officers.

"We're adding capacity, adding new cells in Prince George, Alouette," she said. "(There) is a significant addition in capacity. When you add cells, you add corrections officers."

She added the province is willing to meet with the BCGEU to discuss health and safety issues.

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Victoria police clear out Occupy

Police in Victoria have arrested one person as they oust the remaining participants of the Occupy Victoria movement.

Officers moved into Centennial Square, outside Victoria City Hall, early yesterday to clear the remaining campers who are defying a court order to leave.

Const. Mike Russell says eight or nine tents are being taken down and the occupants are being taken to local shelters or detox centres.

The removal began before dawn, one day after lawyers for the City of Victoria appeared in B.C. Supreme Court, winning an enforcement order, which gave police the power to remove campers and their belongings.

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Storm causes blackout

More than 80,000 households in the Lower Mainland lost electricity Monday night when a winter windstorm with 100 km/h gusts blew through the region.

White Rock, Surrey and Port Coquitlam were among the hardest hit. In Surrey almost 30,000 homes lost power. In Vancouver, 5,700 homes lost power.

The windstorm also caused problems for the morning commute as debris on the SkyTrain track caused some delays and a wind-thrown tree at Albion delayed the first West Coast Express train by about an hour.

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PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

▶ Members of Occupy Vancouver pack up their tents at the Robson Square courthouse complex yesterday after a judge ordered all structures to be dismantled at the new site.

Occupy Vancouver gets second eviction

Judge grants province injunction to remove camp at Robson Square courthouse grounds Province lawyer argued tent city impeded access

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Just less than 24 hours after relocating, Occupy Vancouver, protesters packed up their new tent city and moved to an East Vancouver park after a judge granted the province an injunction yesterday to remove their camp at the Robson Square courthouse complex.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Anne MacKenzie gave the protesters until 5 p.m. to leave the area as she found the group to be a public nuisance and in contempt of court.

At press time, the protesters had moved their camp to Grandview Park on Commercial Drive.

"The clear effect of the tents is to dominate that space, which is inconsistent with an open-court system," Justice MacKenzie said. "It is the right of any Canadian to have unimpeded access to the courts."

But MacKenzie declined to give the province a blanket order that would have prevented protesters moving the encampment to other city public lands.

"I do not think it to be the court's jurisdiction to issue an injunction for something that has not occurred and is speculative," she declared.

Occupy Vancouver volunteers wasted no time complying with the court order as they packed up tents and loaded structures onto a moving truck hours before the deadline.

Earlier, Craig Jones, a lawyer for the attorney-general's ministry, argued the presence of the tent city interfered with the operation of the courts and diverted the sheriffs from doing their jobs.

"We didn't intend to do anything that would infringe people's lawful rights to protest," Jones said after the ruling. "Our objection was the obstruction and the interference of the process of the courts and the erection of these structures, which ... changes the character of this building from a welcoming courthouse to one where people are going to be discouraged from coming."

Protester Suresh Fernando said Occupy Vancouver will continue with their protests in public space, adding that "not everything needs to be a permanent occupation."

"There are lots of options. The challenge is just consensus," he said. "Whatever we do, we'll do en masse and together."

Replica gun seized at school

A lockdown ended at a high school in Langley yesterday with the arrest of a 17-year-old boy.

RCMP recovered a replica handgun after being called to Langley Senior Secondary.

Cpl. Holly Marks says five teens were seen approaching the school and one of them appeared to be armed.

Students were locked in the school until police were able to check the building and arrest the teen.

Police had asked parents to stay away from the school during the incident and after the lockdown was lifted students were bused to a site near the school where they could be picked up.

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News in brief

Development in teen murder

Police may have a break in the murder of an 18-year-old woman in Armstrong. The RCMP say there have been what they call "significant developments" in the investigation into the killing of Taylor Van Diest, but they won't release any details until a news conference today.

Van Diest was attacked while walking near some railway tracks in Armstrong on Halloween night.

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The government will brighten the economic prospects of children and the country if it funds preschool for two-year-olds, a new study contends.
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Nickelback makes light of a petition against their upcoming halftime performance at a Detroit Lions game.

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The public has been given an extraordinary chance to share their vision of Vancouver's future Here's a small sample of what they dreamt up

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Visionary Vancouver

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Vancouver is in for a radical change over the next 30 years.

And a recent City of Vancouver contest has put the public at the forefront of the planning process.

re:CONNECT invited citizens to draw up their vision for the False Creek flats. And the contest finalists, which are now online at vancouver.ca/reconnect, did not disappoint.

An expert panel has already voted for their winners, but the results won't be officially announced until Dec. 1.

The public-voting component is open at the re:CONNECT website until Nov. 27.

The winning entrants will have their work made available in literature that will be seen online and sent to city council.

They will also be profiled at public forums and are eligible for prize money.

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1. AQUA-NECT
This plan allows viaducts to create a network of year-round swimming facilities.

2. PICNIC PARK
Picnic park features an orchard, farmer's market, playgrounds and more.

3. MARSH WALKING
The centrepiece in this plan is underneath the viaduct, in the form of a marsh park.

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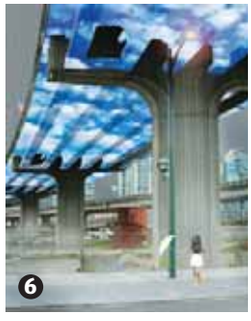
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4. GREEN VIADUCT
A dramatic makeover transforms the bustling viaducts into hanging gardens.

5. SUPERNATIONAL
A huge part of the False Creek Flats would be turned into a giant greenhouse in this plan.

6. BLUE SKIES
This submission promises to turn eight months of cloud and rain into sunny days.

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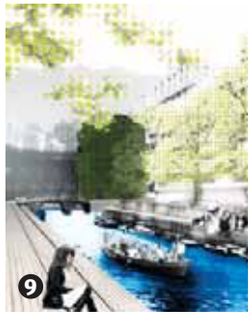
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7. THE GROTTO
All that concrete turns into a massive, modern grotto for locals and tourists to enjoy.

8. SKYPARK
This plan provides housing and community amenities underneath the viaduct.

9. VENICE
A series of canals would create a completely new residential community.

False Creek water world not that far-fetched

Councillor blown away by re:CONNECT entries Ideas will be incorporated into city planning

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A concept sketch from one re:CONNECT submission in the wildcard category.

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Venice-like canals and man-made waterfront property isn't necessarily a pipe dream, according to a Vancouver councillor.

Coun. Geoff Meggs was struck by both the quantity and the quality of the re:CONNECT submissions and says distinct themes and cohesive visions for the False Creek flats are already developing.

"There are definitely themes that are starting to present themselves, especially with people introducing a lot of water in the False Creek flats," said Meggs.

Creating a network of waterways on the industrial lands east of False Creek may sound like a crazy idea, but Meggs believes it's possible.

"If you see what we did with the green space around Olympic Village, which has water flowing in from False Creek, it's not just feasible but it can be very desirable," he said.

The public submissions for the flats and Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts — ranging from cosmetic improvements to bold and bizarre re-imaginings of the city — aren't just there for entertainment.

Meggs said a professional committee will evaluate winning entries and ideas will be incorporated into city plans.

"There is a real practical purpose (to the contest)," Meggs said. "It's a way for the public to get involved in the planning process from the very start. We have a big, long-term opportunity for these lands, we have to get it right."

Meggs said it will probably be two or three years before the city adopts a plan for the land, and it will take decades more to fully realize.

Until then, all ideas remain on the table.

"There are no snap decisions being made here," he said.

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Jingling all the way to Deutschland

Christmas market brings look and feel of German festivities to Vancouver

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▶ Malte Kluetz, president of the Vancouver Christmas Market, in front of the new Christmas carousel.

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Vancouver's second annual Christmas market hopes to bring German Christmas traditions to downtown Vancouver over the next month.

The only outdoor Christmas market in Vancouver opens tomorrow at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza. It offers Canadians the sights, tastes and sounds of a 700-year-old German tradition known as Christkindlmarkt or Christmas market.

"I grew up with Christmas markets," said Malte Kluetz, president of the Vancouver Christmas Market.

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▶ Christmas decorations.

"They were all over the place (in Germany). I used to go there when I was young, and later when I grew up, with my kids. I decided it's about time that Vancouver gets a Christmas market."

In its second year, the market will feature handmade crafts, gifts, toys and Christmas decor by 45 different vendors and traditional German delicacies including bratwurst, brataepfel (stuffed baked apples) and European beer and wine from 16 food vendors.

The market also offers the only Christmas carousel in Vancouver for "the old and young at heart," said Kluetz.

Last year, 125,000 people were in attendance and Kluetz expects more this year.

"(We want to) get people into the Christmas spirit and enjoy the market with family, friends, and kids," he said.

The market opens tomorrow and runs Dec. 24 from 11a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Children under the age of three get in for free, it's $2 for youth, and general admission is $5.

Families can also purchase a pass for $15, allowing multiple entry for one adult and two kids any day of the week.

Polyamorists feel overlooked in polygamy trial

A group of so-called polyamorists say they're being ignored in the debate over Canada's polygamy law, and they say an imminent court decision will have implications beyond a tiny religious group in B.C.

The B.C. Supreme Court will rule today whether the Criminal Code section banning polygamy is consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The trial focused almost entirely on the small commune of Bountiful, where about 1,000 self-described fundamentalist Mormons practise multiple marriage.

But among the interveners in the case was the Canadian Polyamory Advocacy Association, which says the current law also makes criminals out of consenting adults in relationships that happen to involve more than two people.

John Bashinski, who provided an affidavit in the case, says his group believes there are far more polyamorists across Canada than the polygamists in Bountiful, and he says the law should be struck down.

Bashinski, who lives in a household with a wife and another husband, says he's worried harmless relationships such as his are covered under the Criminal Code, and he says other laws should be used to punish abuse.

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Victims identified in Sparwood crash

Two women from the Crowsnest Pass area have been identified as the victims of a three-vehicle crash just east of Sparwood.

The women, aged 62 and 71, died when their small SUV sideswiped an eastbound CP Rail pickup truck on Highway 3 Monday morning, then were broadsided by a semi-trailer unable to avoid the spinning SUV.

The semi and SUV both tumbled into Michel Creek, which runs parallel to the highway about eight kilometres east of Sparwood.

The driver of the CP Rail truck and the semi were not seriously hurt, and police say it appears the SUV may have been travelling too fast for the snowy, icy conditions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Salon owner arrested in burglary shooting

A hair-salon owner in Nanaimo finds herself in the middle of a legal tangle, thanks to an itchy trigger finger.

Nanaimo RCMP say the woman was arrested early Saturday morning after several rounds from a .22-calibre rifle were fired into the walls of the salon.

Police say the 54-year-old explained she opened fire in self-defence after discovering a burglary in progress and the store's computer missing.

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Icewine grape harvest comes early

When it comes to icewine, they're making liquor quicker in Kelowna.

One winery in the Okanagan says it managed to harvest nearly 5,000 kilograms of icewine grapes during a cold snap last Saturday night.

The Summerhill Pyramid organic winery says the Reisling grapes were harvested as the temperature dropped to -11 C — the second-earliest harvest in the history of the Okanagan icewine industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nixing no-bid contract was right decision: Minister

Health Minister Mike de Jong says he expects health authorities to follow the rules when it comes to awarding contracts.

He was commenting on a decision by the Vancouver Island Health Authority to bypass the tendering process when awarding a $162,000 communications contract to Stewart Muir, who's married to a top advisor to Premier Clark.

The health authority has since cancelled the contract, saying it will put it out to tender in the interests of transparency.

De Jong says cancelling the deal was the right thing to do and he's bothered any time an agency fails to follow the rules when it comes to contract tendering.

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- Public should be told about risks sooner, says auditor general
- Tories warned: Don't let cost-cutting increase the dangers

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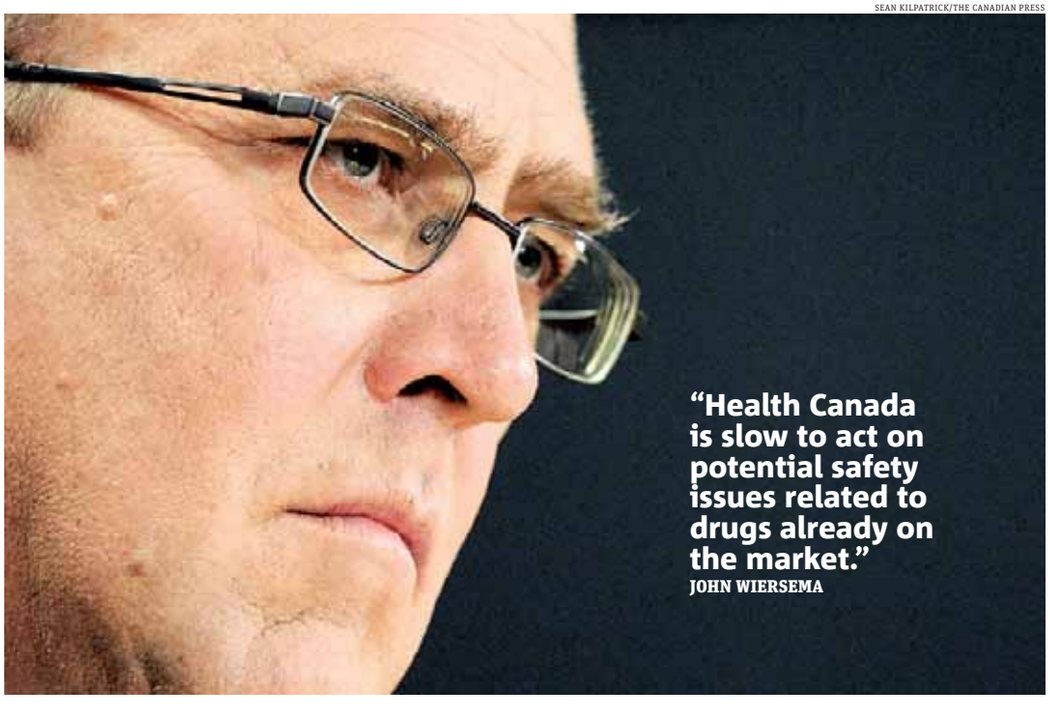

The public is waiting far too long to be warned of significant risks about the drugs they take, the federal auditor general said yesterday.

It's only the latest example of risk caused by rampant information mismanagement that is undercutting work in many federal departments, said interim auditor general John Wiersema.

He warned the government to make sure things don't get worse as it goes about a major cost-cutting exercise over the coming years.

"We have found that poor information is a widespread, chronic problem in the federal government," Wiersema said in an overview of government operations.

"Managers are not systematically collecting and using the information they need to manage their programs, and they are not held accountable for this."

The audit of Health Canada found the department has an archaic system of monitoring that can take years to tell the public that some drugs already on the market come with significant risks.

In one case, a drug that was being prescribed for epilepsy, migraines, psychiatric conditions or weight loss was found to be linked to birth defects.

But it took six months for the brand-name drug to include a warning, and almost two years for generic producers to be told they had to change their labels and warnings.

In another case, the United States was already warning in 2006 that the long-term benefits of low-dose ASA could be eroded by taking ibuprofen.

But in Canada, a review took more than three years, and orders to change labelling for the public are still not fully in place.

"Health Canada is slow to act on potential safety issues," Wiersema said in a release.

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Fund fumble

- The federal auditor general says he has been given no way to measure the employment impact of a billion-dollar fund designed to maintain or create jobs during the last recession.
- The Community Adjustment Fund was one of three programs under the Conservative government's self-styled Economic Action Plan that were examined by interim auditor John Wiersema.

Tighten visa system, auditor urges

Canada's border watchdogs need to tighten the visa system with better health and security screening for people who want to come to Canada either as visitors or permanent residents, says the auditor's report.

Yesterday's report from John Wiersema, the interim auditor general, says Immigration Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency need to do a better job of managing risks.

He said his office has been pointing out weaknesses in the visa system for 20 years.

"I find it disturbing that fundamental weaknesses still exist," he said.

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In 2010, MDs issued 505 million prescriptions. In 2008, there were 13,000 different kinds of prescription and non-prescription drugs sold in Canada.

Submerged-car victims lived in fear, court told

Three girls allegedly killed by their family over honour complained to police, child protection officials and social workers just months before their deaths, a court has heard.

They said their father and brother assaulted them and their mother feared for their lives, the court in Kingston was told yesterday.

The eldest daughter, Zainab, 19, ran away to a women's shelter two months before the girls' bodies were found in a submerged car.

She told workers there that she was afraid of her father, the court heard.

"Be aware of my bro.... I (don't) want to give him the slightest idea that we (are) friends."
ALLEGEDLY PART OF AN EMAIL VICTIM WROTE TO HER BOYFRIEND

The girls' parents, Tooba Mohammad Yahya, 41, and Mohammad Shafia, 58, and their brother, Hamed Mohammad Shafia, 20, are accused of killing them as well as Shafia's other wife in a polygamous marriage.

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FORMAL GUIDELINES

Ottawa tunes in to tweets

The federal government has hit the Like button on social media.

It's unveiling a formal set of guidelines for how departments should use sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"For many Canadians, Web 2.0 is increasingly becoming a primary channel for sending, receiving and generating information," say the guidelines. But they also note public servants need to be aware of the risks of operating in social media circles.

Treasury Board President Tony Clement, who is an avid user of social media, told public servants at a conference in Ottawa that online tools have an important role in government.

"They are the modern-day equivalents of 'town halls,'" he said, according to a prepared text of his remarks.

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Watchdog assails loss of gun data

The federal information watchdog says a move to destroy gun-registry records sets a bad precedent.

Suzanne Legault told a Commons committee yesterday that a federal bill to scrap the long-gun registry — and delete millions of records — violates the Library and Archives of Canada Act.

"I have serious concerns about the impact this bill will have on government information management," she said.

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Thorold gives vets a reprieve

Officials in Thorold are apologizing after parking tickets were issued to some veterans taking part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The city is also cancelling more than a dozen tickets that were issued Nov. 11 outside the Royal Canadian Legion.

The city is chalking it up to a mistake by a parking enforcement officer.

There's a bylaw in place that prevents ticketing on Remembrance Day.

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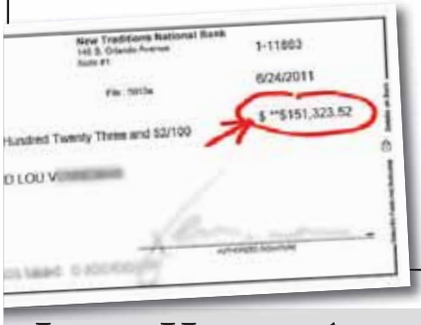

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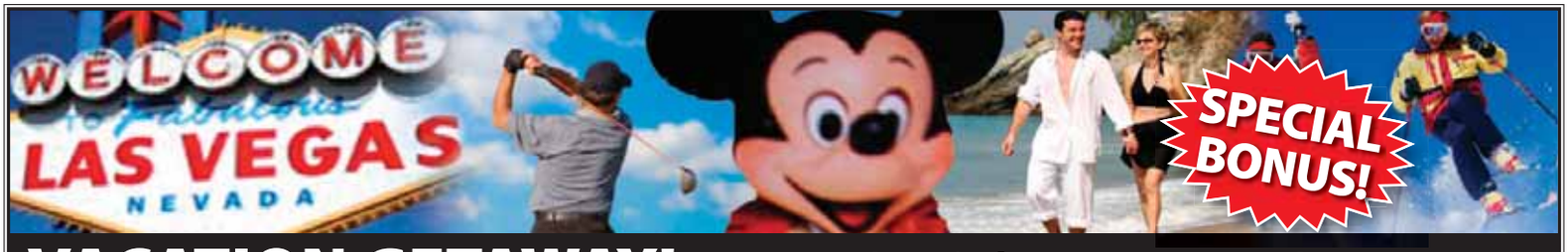

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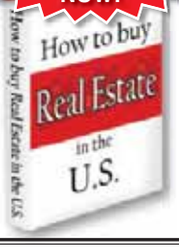

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Occupy Canada changes shape

Camps in many cities dismantled, handed eviction notices Activists plan next move, some want to stay

The Occupy protest camp in Toronto hung by a thread yesterday as talk turned to the future of a movement some argue has achieved little more than becoming a watercooler topic.

Around the country, most of the Occupy sites still stand hung by a thread as well.

At Toronto's St. James Park, there was a certain tension in the air as protesters reacted to various rumours of imminent police intervention after Monday's court ruling upholding the city's right to evict them.

"It's not the end of anything," said Brent Hendren, 24, of London, Ont., as he packed up at St. James Park.

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▶ Police officers walk through the Occupy Toronto camp yesterday in St. James Park.

"Everything will continue to move forward — we have a lot of support behind us."

In Ottawa, most of the tents that dotted Confederation Park have been removed and people piled up debris along the sidewalks.

About a half-dozen diehards sat in a dry fountain in the park.

In Montreal, Mayor Gerald Tremblay asked activists to leave a square across from the city's stock exchange tower after reports of fights and drug abuse over the weekend.

A handful of tents remained at Calgary's downtown Olympic Plaza after most others were taken down. The city planned to get an injunction to remove them as well.

Authorities also ended the protest in Quebec City.

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November. Rain

▶ An umbrella-wielding pedestrian high-steps through a large puddle after heavy rain hit the area near Portland, Ore., yesterday.

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Pelted in Portland

First F-35s unable to talk to troops, older planes

The first dozen or so F-35s slated to arrive in Canada won't be equipped with software that allows the stealth fighters to communicate with ground forces, a feature designed to prevent incidents of friendly fire.

The initial operating system also won't be equipped with a program that helps the fighters communicate with older aircraft, such as the Air Force's Aurora surveillance planes.

The software isn't expected to be added until an upgrade program is introduced in 2019 — three years after the Royal Canadian Air Force begins taking delivery the advanced multi-role fighter.

The system that helps distinguish between friend and foe is known as a Blue Force Tracker.

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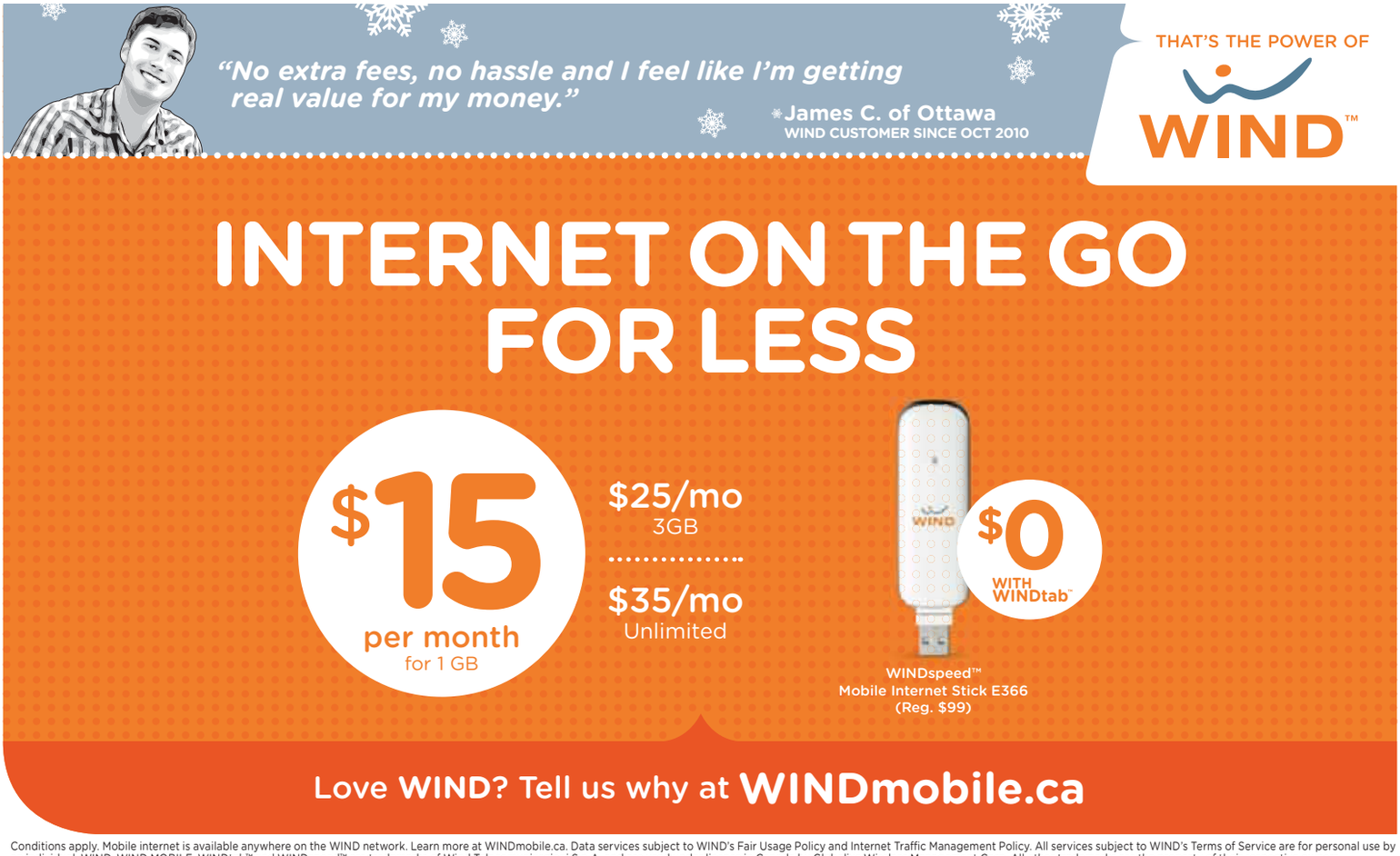
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Yes, women can be catty, prof says

Trait not just a mainstay of TV's The Bachelor

A University of Ottawa professor says the catty behaviour seen on the popular reality TV show The Bachelor is pretty close to ... reality.

Most women use aggression against sexual rivals, Tracy Vaillancourt says.

Vaillancourt's research took a look at how females compete with one another for the attention of males.

Her study suggests The Bachelor provides insight into the tactics women use to compete.

And it shows how vying for the affections of an eligible man can bring out the worst in women.

Such tactics can include gossiping about a rival's promiscuity or disparaging her appearance, so as to reduce her "mate value."

Vaillancourt's study suggests this type of behaviour is not only a TV phenomenon — it's also a reality in schools and in workplaces.

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Watch out, gals

- An experiment confirmed that a sexy colleague is seen as a sexual rival by the other women. The study's results indicated the women did not want to introduce her to their boyfriends.

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▶ Bachelor Jake Pavelka presents a ring to Vienna Giraldi on The Bachelor. Research suggests the show's catty behaviour is close to the truth.

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▶ Residents harvest crops at a community-run farm near Dolo in Somalia on Monday. The farm receives assistance by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Slow recovery in Somalia

UN reduced number of famine zones from six to three ◆ Number of people at risk of starvation has dropped to 250,000 — from 750,000

Lush patches of green dot this once-barren land, allowing goats and camels to graze. A nearby field is full of large, purple onions thanks to a UN-funded project.

Four months after the U.N. declared famine in much of Somalia, some regions are beginning a slow recovery from a disaster that has killed tens of thousands of people.

But many Somalis — women, mostly — living in a stick-hut camp in this border town say they won't return home because they're afraid of hard-line Islamist militants stalking the country, and of being unable to feed themselves and their children.

"We are very far away from the end of the famine."
LUCA ALINOVI, THE HEAD OF THE SOMALIA OFFICE OF THE UN'S FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION

Since the July 20 famine declaration, the UN has received $800 million in aid for Somalia, and the U.S. has provided $650 million to drought-stricken Horn of Africa nations, including Somalia. Still, the fate of 13 million people affected by East Africa's worst drought in decades remains in doubt. Officials say aid deliveries must continue or recovering regions will plunge back into famine.

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Navy plans to deploy drones

ScanEagle will provide surveillance over both sea and land

Canadian warships will soon be deploying drones on overseas operations.

The crew of HMCS Charlottetown is currently testing the lightweight ScanEagle, a leased, unmanned aircraft the army used to great effect in Afghanistan.

Vice-Admiral Paul Maddison, head of the Royal Canadian Navy, says the idea is to deploy the drone when the frigate heads back to the Mediterranean next year as part of the government's recently announced plan to keep a warship in the region throughout 2012.

The Canadian navy has experimented with drones, but the use of the ScanEagle represents the first step towards their introduction into service.

Maddison says the drone is not a substitute for the vessel's aging Sea King helicopter, but will enhance the warship's existing capability.

The ScanEagle is too small to carry weapons and will only be used for reconnaissance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drone specs

- The ScanEagle, with a three-metre wing-span, is capable of staying airborne for 20 hours and carries an infrared camera as well as a radar system.
- It's launched by catapult and lands by snagging a wire.

Bear. Snack

▶ One of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's four 11-month-old grizzly bear cubs snacks on a pumpkin in Cleveland yesterday.

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Thanksgiving treat

Besides providing the animals with enrichment, the pumpkins are a preview to the treats many of the animals will receive tomorrow, which is American Thanksgiving Day. The Zoo is open and free to the public on Thanksgiving Day as well.

Oil-spill penguins released into wild

Forty-nine penguins rescued from an oil spill off New Zealand have been freed after being cleaned and nursed back to health by wildlife officials.

The birds released yesterday are among 343 little blue penguins that have been cleaned of oil since a cargo ship ran aground on a reef near Tauranga on Oct. 5 and spilled some 400 tons of fuel oil.

More than 2,000 sea birds died in the spill.

The penguins were nursed to health at a wildlife facility manned by specialists from New Zealand, Australia and the United States. They were fitted with microchips so they can be monitored after their release.

The 49 penguins are the first of 350 to be given a clean bill of health after being rescued and cleaned.

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▶ A little blue penguin is dried by a rescue worker in this October file photo.

Wildlife Response Manager Kerri Morgan says it's important wild penguins do not remain in captivity for too long because they can develop injuries and illnesses.

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Egypt protesters reject military offer

Egypt's military ruler yesterday promised to speed up a presidential election to the first half of 2012 and said the armed forces were prepared to hold a referendum on immediately shifting power to civilians — concessions swiftly rejected by tens of thousands of protesters in Tahrir Square, who chanted, "Leave! Leave!"

The latest standoff plunged the country deeper into crisis less than a week before parliamentary elections, the first since the ouster nine months ago of longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak.

In a televised address to the nation, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi rejected all criticism of the military's handling of the transitional period and sought to cast himself and the generals on the military council he heads as the nation's foremost patriots. Significantly, he made no mention of the throngs of protesters gathered in Tahrir Square to demand that he step down immediately in favour of an interim civilian council.

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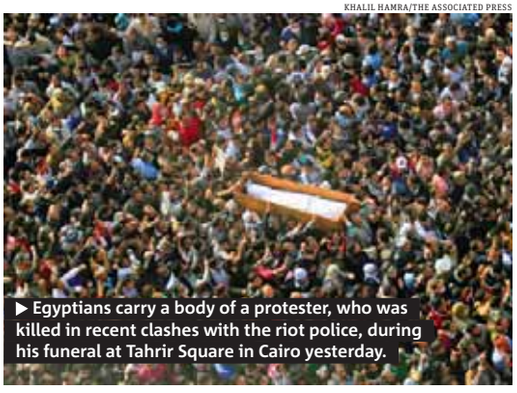

▶ Egyptians carry a body of a protester, who was killed in recent clashes with the riot police, during his funeral at Tahrir Square in Cairo yesterday.

Tantawi spoke as protesters fought army soldiers and police for a fourth day in streets leading to the iconic square that was the birthplace of Egypt's uprising, particularly near the heavily fortified Interior Ministry. Nearly 30 people have been killed in the violence, mostly in Cairo, and at least 2,000 have been wounded.

"Our demands are clear," said Khaled El-Sayed, a protester from the Youth Revolution Coalition and a candidate in the Nov. 28 parliamentary election. "We want the military council to step down and hand over authority to a national salvation government with full authority."

The military previously floated the end of next year or early 2013 as the likely dates for the presidential election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vibe at Tahrir Square grittier, more violent

Not everyone was pleased yesterday when crowds in Tahrir Square revived chants of "Peaceful! Peaceful!" that were heard nine months ago during the uprising that ousted then-president Hosni Mubarak.

A group of young men, their eyes and noses red from tear gas fired at rock-throwing protesters nearby, shook their heads.

"Enough 'peaceful' already!" one said.

The latest demonstrations against the military leaders who replaced Mubarak are more explosive and violent than those in January and February — something that pro-democracy activists had warned might happen as the ruling generals stumbled in carrying out sweeping reforms.

Protesters hurl rocks and firebombs. Security forces fire tear gas, rubber bullets and bird shot. The number of wounded piles up at an average of 80 per hour. Angry cries of "thuggery" and "dirty government" echo among the buildings. The death toll has risen steadily.

The violence Monday and yesterday centred around the headquarters of the Interior Ministry, which runs the police, in the side streets a few blocks from Tahrir Square.

In the earlier demonstrations, protesters rarely approached the headquarters.

"We can't accept the same humiliating, inhuman treatment by the police. Enough."
SAAD ABDEL-HAMID, DEMONSTRATOR

But in a sign of the greater aggression in the past four days, they have marched repeatedly on the building and were met by a heavy response. Police and military around the ministry fired tear gas and moved in, beating and dragging away some of the activists.

The protests have reignited as feelings arose among many Egyptians that their revolution has been undermined by the military. Trials of former regime members have stalled, the economy has deteriorated, streets are less secure, activists have been hauled before military tribunals, and the generals have been reluctant in giving an exact date for transferring power to a civilian government and parliament.

There are also complaints that little has been done to reform the security forces, which rights groups say still torture detainees. The lack of trials for those behind the deaths of about 850 people in last winter's uprising also has led protesters to target the Interior Ministry.

Many say the violence against protesters brought them back to the square.

It's clear that some of the protesters and the black-clad police — a hated symbol of the Mubarak era — are acting as if they have scores to settle from January and February.

The new dynamics in Tahrir Square began to take shape after four days of confrontations, and the determination of the protesters suggests they won't be leaving soon — unless security forces try to clear the area. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No politicians

- Politicians who try to take a stage or hold a loudspeaker are shouted down. On social network sites, activists call for setting fire to podiums and not allowing anyone to "hijack the revolution."
- Teams of volunteers provide medical aid, food and blankets, and motorcycles rush the wounded to field clinics. Youths in gas masks and goggles take shifts. Some have slings, while others make firebombs from soft drink bottles filled with gasoline.

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Curiosity drives voyage to Mars

On Friday, NASA launches a pioneering rover into space High-tech lab will gather data on red planet

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This mission really is going to Mars. On Friday, NASA is sending an entire laboratory to the red planet. The lab, named Curiosity, will investigate rocks and soil and take pictures. It will also look for water and signs of life.

"Curiosity is like a robotic geologist," says Jordan Evans, deputy manager of the mission. "It's a lab that also brings its own tools. It has a scoop, a drill and a sieve so it can collect samples. Then it feeds the samples into the lab, which analyzes them."

Curiosity also has cameras that will record everything and a weather station that will measure everything from humidity to air pressure.

NASA has sent rovers to Mars before, but Curiosity is the first to carry a lab. "It will document what Mars was like early on, which it will do by examining the layers of rock on a mountain," says Dr. Joy Crisp, deputy project scientist for NASA's Mars Science Laboratory project. "And it will examine what it's like today. We'll gain more knowledge about the conditions for future human habitation on Mars. For that reason, Curiosity is bringing a radiation monitor so we can make sure humans aren't harmed when they go to Mars."

At NASA's Jet Propulsion Center in California, scientists will be monitoring Curiosity during its stay on the red planet. "Each day the NASA team will look at the results and decide what Curiosity should do the next day," Evans says.

After one Mars year — 98 weeks — Curiosity will permanently park itself on the planet. "Of course its immediate purpose is scientific discovery," Crisp says. "But by sending beautiful images from Mars we can encourage people to go into science. That's a very important purpose, too, because science and technology are crucial to our future prosperity."

Martians, this set of wheels is coming your way. Below: an artist's rendering of Curiosity on Mars. Left: what the landing will look like.

How they built it

Since it carries a large lab, Curiosity is much bigger than previous Mars rovers. "Because of its size, it requires a larger rocket," says deputy mission manager Jordan Evans. "But it couldn't be too big, since we had to fly it to Florida in an airplane. In the end, we had five centimetres to spare in the plane." Evans' team also had to invent larger landing pads. And since Curiosity will be alone in space, everything has been simulated in advance. "To measure the impact of the landing, we simulated it by hanging Curiosity from a crane," Evans says. ELISABETH BRAW

60 seconds

Chris Welch

Dr. Chris Welch is programs director of the International Space University.

What's the real purpose of the Mars science lab?
The science lab won't specifically look for life on Mars but will be exploring a part of the planet where there was water in the past. Its investigations will help us understand whether there has ever been life on Mars. These findings will influence future Mars missions.

The space shuttle has just been retired. Does this Mars mission present a new direction for space travel?
No. There have been Mars missions for many years, but initially they were very small. The first rovers were no bigger than a fridge, while Curiosity is a large laboratory.

Are scientists really interested in exploring life in space, or are they doing it because the public is curious?
The question whether there is life somewhere else is a fundamental one. Mars is the most likely planet to host life, so that's why Mars missions are so important. ELISABETH BRAW

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Maritimers to give more gifts: RBC

Residents of Atlantic Canada plan to be the most generous in the country this holiday season, according to Royal Bank data.

RBC says 90 per cent of Atlantic Canadians plan on giving gifts, compared to 80 per cent nationally.

The bank says residents intend to spend an average of $877 on gifts — well above the national average of $640.

In Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 88 per cent of consumers say they plan to give gifts and spend an average of $686.

In Alberta, 82 per cent of consumers say they plan on giving gifts and expect to spend an average of $703 this season.

RBC says, in British Columbia, 76 per cent of consumers tell the bank they plan to give gifts and to spend $674 on average, up $100 over last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Facebook and HTC get closer

Facebook is working closely with HTC to create a smartphone with smoother social-media integration.

According to the website All Things D, the new phone, codenamed Buffy, should be available within the next 12 to 18 months.

All Things D reports that Facebook is modifying Google's Android operating system to fully integrate its many services into the smartphone. Buffy is expected to allow deeper integration of both friends and activities. There is speculation that the operating system will also allow users to access social games, such as Farmville, directly from mobile Facebook. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Retail sales on the rise

Canadian consumers appeared to ignore economic concerns in September, spending on cars, electronics and other goods as they gave retail sales their strongest boost in nearly a year. There is also speculation that the economy will show solid growth in the summer quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Supermodel adviser blames tabloid hacking for sacking

- Inquiry set up by British PM following News of the World scandal
- Victims' lawyers accuse Daily Mail of trying to intimidate witnesses

SEAN DEMPSEY/PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Mary-Ellen Field, former business adviser to supermodel Elle Macpherson, leaves after she gave evidence to the Leveson Inquiry at The Royal Courts of Justice in London yesterday.

Elle Macpherson fired her business adviser for leaking secrets when journalists were actually getting juicy details about the supermodel by hacking into her phone, the former aide told a British inquiry into media ethics yesterday.

In testimony, Mary-Ellen Field described how she lost both her job for Macpherson and one at an advisory firm because of the unfounded suspicions — a double-blow that was all the more serious because she was in poor health. She didn't identify her illness.

Field was one of several victims of press intrusion testifying yesterday at Britain's Royal Courts of Justice. The inquiry was set up after the scandal over phone hacking and other tactics used at the News of the World, which was closed by media mogul Rupert Murdoch in July. The inquiry plans to issue a report next year and could recommend major changes to the way the media in Britain are regulated.

Field said her relationship with Macpherson fell apart after the model's intimate secrets began appearing in the press in 2005. Macpherson became convinced that Field was an alcoholic and ordered her to go to a rehabilitation clinic.

Field said she was shocked, but went along with Macpherson's recommendation. Even though staff at the clinic said Field was not an alcoholic, Macpherson fired her anyway, and Field lost her job at her firm. Although it has since emerged that the media leaks were the result of phone hacking, Field said she has not heard from Macpherson in years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Thwart hackers, change your password

Online security experts say there are a number of tactics to thwart hackers when it comes to passwords, including changing them regularly and using a hard-to-guess combination of letters, numbers, punctuation and symbols.

But perhaps the best piece of advice is not to use the word password as your password.

The California-based software company SplashData analyzed millions of stolen passwords that had been obtained by hackers and found some dangerously simple choices came up again and again. The most common was password, followed by 123456, 12345678, qwerty, abc123 and monkey.

Users who have trouble remembering all their online passwords can buy software to automatically — and securely — log them into websites. SplashData's version is SplashID, while the Canadian company AgileBits makes 1Password.

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▶ How many online passwords do you use, and how hard are they to crack?

Risky logins

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- qwerty
- abc123
- monkey
- letmein
- dragon
- trustno1
- baseball
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WATCH YOURSELF, NOW EVERYONE ELSE CAN TOO

JUST SAYIN' ...

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There was a time that if you wanted to stand naked on your patio, only the guy with the binoculars across the street would catch you in the act.

These days, thanks to Google Street View, everyone gets to look.

Just ask the woman in Miami who today finds that her naked foray onto her back stoop, captured by a passing Google Street View camera, yields more than two million results on the search engine of the same name.

Google Street View is supposed to be a helpful way for you to see your destination as it really looks, as opposed to a pointy B pin on a map. It is not supposed to offer a panorama of human folly, such as the casually careless naked lady, or the equally naked guy in Germany climbing out of the trunk of his car, or the guy walking his snake down the street, or various Brits mooning the passing camera, or the two Norwegian scuba divers running down the street on flippers, complete with tridents. (Why *did* the scuba divers cross the road?)

As the Street View cameras capture every square millimetre of the planet and resolution improves, it's only going to get worse. Or better, if you like to watch.

"It's not just that Big Brother is watching ... It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well."

Google is self-correcting, and as soon as it learned about its naked-lady problem, it turned her into a pixelated blur, but only after the photos of the poor women spread across the Internet like the bird flu.

What do we expect when we combine the Internet with the latest surveillance technology? Google Street View has the potential to turn us all into everyday fugitives from scrutiny, trapped in a high-res corner with nowhere to hide.

It's not just that Big Brother is watching, although you know he is. It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well.

Of course, not everyone sees that as a bad thing, such as the guy who found Google Street View to be an ideal way to expose himself to anyone who happened upon his sad, little — with an emphasis on little — sector of the galaxy.

For the rest of us, it's bad enough we have to wear clean underwear every day in case we get hit by a bus and have to be undressed by medical personnel. Now we also have to make sure, no matter where we are, to remember to wear clothes and, while we're at it, keep the nose mining to a minimum.

And smile, dammit.

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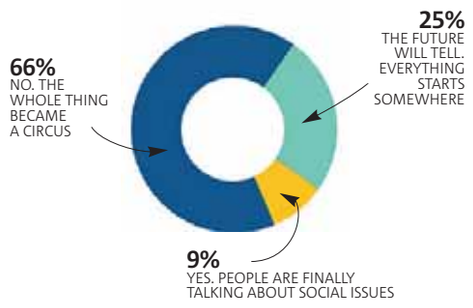
Do you think the Occupy movement made an impact?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25%
THE FUTURE WILL TELL. EVERYTHING STARTS SOMEWHERE
9%
YES. PEOPLE ARE FINALLY TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES

Local tweets

- **@rthexton:** I hear that @BC_SPCA has lots of kittens and cats that need homes. This would be such a good time to adopt if you can.
- **@OccupyVancouver:** RT @sarahbeuhler: RT @CryingWolfe: PLEASE RT / PASS IT ON : #OccupyVancouver needs transportation & help moving ASA
- **@Southsiders:** We asked for some ass kicking, and the #CanWNT delivered. 2-1 over the Swedes, with another strike at the death from Sinclair!
- **@mdawsy:** Vancouver this weekend #greycup friday get here faster! #homesweethome
- **@enhill:** Eating Hawkins Cheezies is a must for watching the GC in my house. What's your #GreyCup #CFL tradition? cheezies.com/static.htm
- **@BbyBlueEyesGurl:** YEA BC!!! #GREYCUP WEEKEND AT HOME BABY!! #CFL
- **@ChristieBuono:** Wearing my orange today to #represent ....what are you doing to show your #BCLions pride? #GreyCup

Worth Mentioning

DRIVING HIV TESTS HOME. At one office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Washington, D.C., motorists can get a driver's licence, temporary road-tax stickers and something wholly unrelated to the road: A free HIV test.

In a city with one of the highest percentages of residents living with HIV or AIDS, health officials have now test-driven the in-DMV testing and are finding that it works. So far, more than 5,000 people have been screened and received results while they wait.

"You have to meet people where they are," explained Sheila Brockington, who oversees HIV testing at the DMV office.

Initially, some officials doubted many people would test. Now, however, between 25 and 35 people get tested every day at the DMV location. Anyone who agrees gets $7 off their bill.

By now, the people who run the program have their pitch down. When people are in line, one of the testers approaches with the offer: Free tests, money off your bill and the promise that it won't hurt.

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photo of the day

▶ This photo, titled Quebec, was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by OliaShu from Ontario.

The submission period for the Metro Global Photo Challenge — which ran in 100 cities on four continents — is now over and Metro needs your help choosing a winner. Visit metrophotochallenge.com to vote for your favourite photos. Metro will feature the winning entries once they have been chosen.

WEIRD NEWS

Art in the pigsty of the beholder

Live graffiti painting. A colossal rose bed soaring 20 feet high. Early photos of Andy Warhol, a Picasso up for auction and a naked woman living in a pigpen. They're all part of the lineup for Art Basel Miami Beach, which runs Dec. 1-4, with a host of related events beginning Nov. 30.

The pigpen installation will undoubtedly be the most jaw-dropping event at the art fair. Known for photographing herself nude in subway tunnels or in front of graffiti walls, performance artist Miru Kim will be living with pigs for her performance The Pig That Therefore I Am.

"The immediate connection between pigs and me will be felt through seeing the living bodies mingle through skin," Kim told The Associated Press. A glass barrier will act as "an insatiable gap between the spectacle and the onlooker, just like in a zoo."

The pigpen installation will be among the shows at the Primary Flight open air museum. "Some people are really going to love it. Some are going to be shocked. And a handful won't really get it," said Primary Flight founder Books Bischof.

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The orphan adoption

Martin Scorsese is the latest director to make a movie about a child with no parents
Richard Crouse takes a look at Hugo and why orphans tug on our heartstrings

IN FOCUS

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The new Martin Scorsese film is the director's first PG rated film in 18 years. Hugo is a handsome 3D kid's flick featuring adventure, a broken robot, a toy store owner and one of the mainstays of central casting — an orphan.

There are all kinds of on-screen orphans, some lovable — The Jungle Book's Mowgli, Harry Potter —some not — Hannibal Lecter, Darth Vader — but few have been as memorable as Oliver Twist.

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▶ Asa Butterfield, left, plays Hugo Cabret and Chloë Grace Moretz plays Isabelle in Hugo.

The youngster first captured people's imaginations 173 years ago as the title character in Charles Dickens's second book and debuted on film in 1908.

Since then there have been at least eleven adaptations of the story of an urchin who famously asked his cruel workhouse foreman for more gruel with the words, "Please sir, I want some more."

The most famous version of the story has to be Oliver!, a splashy 1968 all-singing all-dancing edition, which film critic Pauline Kael said was one of the few film adaptations of a stage musical superior to the original stage show.

Oliver had it rough. Much rougher than Little Orphan Annie, the perky red-haired waif adopted by the über-wealthy Daddy Warbucks, but for the actress who played her in the 1982 movie Annie there were some unpleasant moments.

The curly red wig Aileen Quinn wore was so itchy that a specially designed comb had to be created to give her some relief, and in order to get Annie's dog Sandy to realistically kiss her the prop master rubbed Alpo all over her face.

Still, Quinn says, "I just remember having the best time."

Unlike our next orphans, Oliver and Annie were decidedly earthbound ragamuffins, but the movies have seen lots of alien children abandoned on our planet.

In Escape to Witch Mountain, Tony and Tia Malone's psychic abilities made them standouts at the orphanage and the moniker Clark Kent was the name his human adoptive parent's gave to Kal-El. You know him best as Superman.

Superman wasn't the only superhero orphan, however.

The death of Bruce Wayne's parents at the hand of the Joker prompted him to become the Caped Crusader. "You made me," he grumbles to the parent's killer in Batman.

Finally, Peter Parker's parents were Richard and Mary, CIA agents killed in the line of duty.

Rumour has it they will appear in the 2012 reboot, The Amazing Spider-Man, played by Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz.

Twilight breaks box office record

The Twilight vampires broke U.K. box office records over the weekend. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 grossed $21.8 million on its three-day weekend, according to U.K. and Irish distributor Entertainment One.

That made it the biggest-ever opening for an American film in the U.K., fifth behind the British Harry Potter and James Bond series.

The fourth film in the Twilight series also had the best-ever U.K. 2D opening day Friday, surpassing Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 by grossing $9.9 million to Potter's $9.2 million.

Breaking Dawn Part 1 now has the biggest opening for a film in the U.K. in 2011.

Directed by Bill Condon, its stars Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner and Kristen Stewart.

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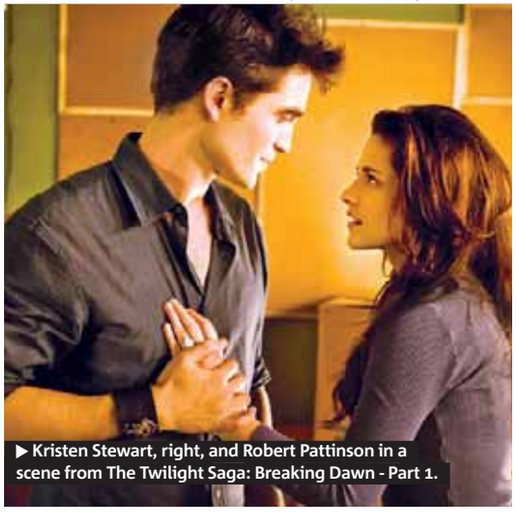

▶ Kristen Stewart, right, and Robert Pattinson in a scene from The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1.

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Scene in brief

Leonard Cohen will usher in the new year with a CD of Old Ideas. The 77-year-old Montreal songwriter will release his first album in more than seven years on Jan. 31. Old Ideas will consist of 10 tracks that "poetically address some of the most profound quandaries of human existence," according to a release from Cohen's label. Some of the new tunes have been around for a while — early versions of tracks Amen and Lullaby were originally recorded in 2007, while Cohen performed new tune The Darkness during his recent world tour. Another new track, Show Me The Place, is now streaming on Cohen's website, where fans can pre-order the upcoming disc.

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Britain wins five International Emmys; Eccleston, Walters take acting honours.

Movie reviews

See it twice | See it now | Worth watching | Yawn | Don't bother

Hugo

Genre: Adventure/Drama
Director: Martin Scorsese
Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz and Christopher Lee

Set in 1930s Paris, the new Martin Scorsese film is a sophisticated kid's movie about an orphan obsessed with repairing an automaton left behind by his father.

His fixation leads him to forgotten film pioneer Georges Méliès and a new life.

Hugo is the Scorsese's homage not only to the filmmakers who shaped his youth but to the art form itself.

There is a sense of wonder imprinted on every frame. Add to that star Asa Butterfield's face, reminiscent of the moon faced children of early cinema, the dulcet tones of Christopher Lee, 3D that enhances not overwhelms, and you have a movie about the magic of film with plenty of its own magic.

RICHARD CROUSE

The Muppets

Genre: Comedy/Musical
Director: James Bobin
Stars: Amy Adams, Jason Segel and Chris Cooper

There may have been better films released in 2011, but this critic is hard pressed to think of a better movie than The Muppets, writer/star Jason Segel and director James Bobbin's revamp of the beloved '70s TV series as well as the expanded big screen franchise that followed.

It's perfect entertainment, ferociously funny and far out. Segel is perfect as Gary, who lives a candy-coated life with his muppet obsessed, felt and faux fur covered brother Walter, and his sunny, long suffering girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams).

Filled to the gills with chirpy, catchy pop songs and subversive gags, The Muppets works as both a nostalgia piece for parents and a wild romp for kids.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Arthur Christmas

Genre: Comedy/Drama
Director: Sarah Smith
Stars: James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie

Arthur Christmas not only answers the mystery of how Santa Claus delivers billions of presents in one night but it shows how the now high-tech computer-operated system is flawed. When one girl doesn't get her gift, Santa's inept son (McAvoy) sets off to ensure Christmas isn't ruined. For all its familiar themes, Arthur delivers enough clever laughs and eye-popping scenery to entertain kiddies hungry for holiday fare.

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Let's all go to the bar

Deer Tick's Divine Providence is anything but preachy Check out their fun-loving album

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Deer Tick calls their new album Divine Providence, which at first seems like a sweet homage to the group's beginnings in Rhode Island's capital city. But as with most things related to this band, the truth is uglier, ruder and much more rock 'n' roll.

"It actually came from a black metal song that we wrote," says singer John McCauley. "It had extremely anti-Christian lyrics, so we thought it'd be funny if we named that song Divine Providence."

They eventually scrapped the song, as it didn't fit the mood of their new album — which is mostly a rollicking good time, catering to classic rock fist-pumps as much as country rock swaying. Filled with titles like Let's All Go to the Bar, and lyrics like, "Johnny's got a bottle of wine, no one is gonna make it to work on time," they recall 1980s rock outcasts The Replacements.

"Oh yeah, we're big Replacements fans," says McCauley.

And like The Mats, there is a degree of longing and loneliness beneath the surface of the party proceedings too.

But Deer Tick is no throwback act. They are writing very much for these times.

The song Main Street, which they recently performed on Letterman, seems perfect for the age of 24-7 social networking, as McCauley asserts in a desperate rasp: "Miss one day and the whole world casts you out."

Divine Providence also has a sonic density that betrays its festive atmosphere. So in the studio, are Deer Tick focused or a mess?

"I'd say it's a little bit of both," says McCauley. "Or maybe one person would be really drunk and nobody else would. It all depended on what time of day you got to the studio."

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▶ Deer Tick performs at the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival 2010 held at the Empire Polo Club in California.

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▶ Anthony Gonzalez of M83

Getting lost on those interwebs

Conceptual double album? Musicians hardly get past an EP to make a single album these days, let alone a double (conceptual or otherwise) one. But M83's fall-released Hurry Up, We're Dreaming spreads Anthony Gonzalez's savvy dance pop over two discs, creating an epic landmark in the French artist's decade-long career.

"I'm lost, I don't know what to listen to these days. The Internet is going too fast for me," Gonzalez (a.k.a. M83) tells Metro. "People might get excited about a record, but 20 minutes later they are excited about another," he says, sounding like a child of the 1960s rather than the 1980s.

But the main motivation for the epic record, though, is that he felt the passage of time and childhood lost.

"The nostalgia of being a kid and now you're a grown up and everything is over, but knowing that you can connect to your past through memories is the beauty of this album."

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Brave Black Friday with this proven playlist

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN BOSTON

Holiday carols through the speakers at the mall? Bah humbug! On Friday, make your own soundtrack and rock out with this playlist.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer — Culture

There's nothing wrong with getting into the spirit of the season, but do it on your own terms.

Sometimes, your own terms might mean this chill reggae version of a classic, so you don't feel like it's something you've already heard a million times.

Oh No — Girl Talk

This mashup has the colossal layering of personalities that the shopping experience offers. Plus it combines Black Sabbath power chords with Ludacris, saying "Move b—, get out the way."

Black Friday

Hot off the presses

Metro Be sure to pick up tomorrow's edition of Metro for your primer to Black Friday

Pretty Boy Swag — Soulja Boy Tell'em

Speaking of "get out the way," you might want to make this one your anthem too, and say "pretty boy comin' through."

Bittersweet Symphony — The Verve

Ever see the video for this one? Singer Richard Ashcroft is just walking through the crowded street, banging into everybody else, totally oblivious that they're there because his song is so pretty. This tune will make you be that guy as you steamroll through the mall.

Albatross — Fleetwood Mac

You'll definitely need a few zen moments with your headphones as you brave the shopping. This wordless tune by an early incarnation of Fleetwood Mac is a great start. If this instrumental gives you that crucial inner peace, also try R.E.M.'s New Orleans Instrumental, and Yo La Tengo's Return to Hot Chicken.

Double up on Some Girls

Rolling Stones re-release their iconic album All the tracks they wanted in last time now make the final list

Keith Richards equates the rush to release the Rolling Stones' seminal album Some Girls as "the same as cutting off your baby's head."

"We couldn't release a double album and we were on deadline," the guitarist said of the 1978 recording. "Sometimes you're really getting into tracks you want to finish, but they don't make (it) because time was up."

Now many of those songs will be included as the album was re-released yesterday as a double disc with previously unreleased material. A box set from the album also is being released.

Mick Jagger said Some Girls was a pivotal album for the band.

"The records that came before this were not as good. This was better," Jagger said, referencing the heavily produced Goats Head Soup, and It's Only Rock and Roll, which preceded it.

At the time, punk rock and disco were threatening the old "dinosaur rockers," as Richards said, so the band had to get back to its basic stripped-down sound.

"The punks started to kick us ... the Sex Pistols, and The Clash, and other bands were coming out and we realized we were already in a second generation," Richards said.

One of the album's biggest hits, and also the most criticized at the time, was the dance track Miss You.

"It's not like we wanted to make a career out of disco; it just happened to be that beat, and Mick came up with this beautiful idea. If you're ever gonna do disco, you got to do it now. It was like a one-off," Richards said.

Jagger, who says he loves all forms of dance music from the 1930s to house music, didn't know why it mattered.

"I never thought for one minute that people would criticize you for doing something with a dance beat," Jagger said. "So the idea of it being 'Bob Dylan going electric' never occurred to me."

The song went to No. 1 on the Billboard chart, and spawned a variety of dance mixes.

Next year, the band will celebrate its 50th anniversary, and there's a great deal of speculation as to whether the band will tour for their milestone.

"I'm hoping to do something about it. Right now, I don't want to go too much into it. I'm pulling the boys together and (will) see what happens. It's a work in progress. I'm not Nostradamus on this, but we all want to do something for the big 5-0," Richards said.

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Old friends

According to Richards, he and Jagger recently mended fences after Richards revealed too much about his songwriting partner in his autobiography earlier this year.

Quote: "He's a brother, a best friend, and probably the most contentious person I know ... We patched it up now. The thing is we enjoy working with each other; it's the idea of it that's frightening."

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▶ Mick Jagger, left, Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones attends a special screening of their new documentary Stones In Exile.

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THE ROOTS AIR THEIR FEELINGS

THE WORD

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On Monday night's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon the band picked some inflammatory music for featured guest (and Republican presidential candidate) Michele Bachmann to walk into.

The song they picked? Lyin' Ass B— by Fishbone.

And it wasn't a slip-up. Questlove even told fans and followers to pay attention via Twitter: "aight late night walkon song devotees: you love it when we snark: this next one takes the cake. Ask around cause I aint tweeting the title," he wrote. Then he even took it a step further by tweeting a link to the album and making fans guess which song they picked.

As Spin points out, The Roots often use songs to express their feelings. Two notable examples are playing Milli Vanilli when notorious lip-syncer Ashlee Simpson came on the show and introducing Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt with Beck's Loser.

Both of those were tongue and cheek — and directed to fixtures of popular culture. This is a presidential candidate, congresswoman, and a foster parent to more than 23 children.

No matter what you think of Bachmann's political views, it's offensive that a house band would sneakily suggest a woman is a "b—" on national television.

If Fishbone only had come up with a ska song entitled: You Have Different Political Views Than Me — Many of Which I Find Utterly Misguided and Wrongheaded — But We Live in a Country Where We Are Allowed to Have Different Beliefs and So We Will Just Agree to Disagree. Also, It is Not Polite to Call a Woman a 'B—'…. Fallon and The Roots would not find themselves in this pickle. And it will be a pickle. A huge, massive pickle.

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▶ Bachmann on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.

Katy breaking for some baby-making time?

- **Speculation builds that Katy and Russell Brand are on baby track**
- **Singer denies growing gossip**

Katy Perry's recent decision to take some time off after her current tour to "work on family" naturally led some to speculate that the singer and comedian husband Russell Brand are already expecting, but Perry insists that's not the case.

"Hell no," Perry tells Hollyscoop.

But that doesn't mean she's opposed to the idea.

The pop star recently told Ellen DeGeneres she eventually wants a family. "I would love to have children. I think that's one of the reasons you get married."

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Demi, Ashton split overdue: Source

Demi Moore's decision to file for divorce from Ashton Kutcher was reportedly a long time coming, as the marriage was "deteriorating for a long time," sources tell People magazine.

"Ashton was ready to end it," a source says, explaining they wrestled with their age difference, Moore's insecurities and Kutcher's wandering eye.

"He wanted to wait for Demi to actually do it. He loved her but couldn't live with her." Moore, for her part, "really wanted to save the marriage but couldn't deal with the pain of his cheating. They were fed up with each other."

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Celebrity tweets

Released frm Jury Duty. Wonderful seeing so many willing to serve.

@madlyv

@LisaLampanelli

New Stilton cheese sells for $430 a pound. If I wanna spend a lot of money on cheese I'll buy the 1st three seasons of 'Glee' on Blu-Ray!

@SteveMartinToGo

Need my turkey sprayed with pepper. Whom can I turn to?

Aaaah!! Explosions, panic n general mayhem! Its good 2 b back at "camp evil"!

Jenny McCarthy looks for love in cyberspace

Jenny McCarthy has signed up for online dating, reports Hollyscoop.

"I have checked the guys I like between 35 to 48," she says of her foray into Internet dating.

The motivation, says McCarthy is a lack of masculinity in Los Angeles. "There's no real 'guy guys,' so maybe importing from somewhere will be smart," she says.

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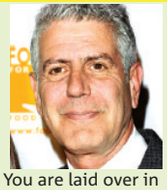

You are laid over in a city somewhere out there in the world with 24 hours to kill. Do you burrow into your hotel suite, fed by room service and movies-on-demand, until time to head back to the airport?

Not if you're Anthony Bourdain, globe-trotting gastronome and on-the-fly bon vivant. With no time to spare, you gorge on local cuisine, savour local sights and maximize exposure to indigenous culture. Tomorrow on the plane you can catch up on your sleep!

That, in Bourdain's words, is "the art of the layover," the finer points of which he shares on The Layover, his new Travel Channel series which premiered Monday at 9 p.m. EST.

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Place d'Armes: Old Montreal's public square cradle of city's long history

Great winter escapes

With winter comes thoughts of escape Here, six ideas from guidebook publisher Frommer's

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Top beach destination? Hawaii

Roatan, Honduras

"A casual and refreshingly unpolished slice of the tropics," says Frommer's. The Caribbean island is a major destination for diving and snorkelling.

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Snorkelling in Roatan

Kauai, Hawaii

On the island's north shore, three-kilometre-long Hanalei Bay is Frommer's choice for top beach destination for 2012. Volcanic cliffs and 300-metre waterfalls form the backdrop.

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Explore Mayan sites in the Yucatan Peninsula

Yucatan Peninsula

The safest region in Mexico, according to Frommer's. Go for the beaches, the food, the fiestas and the exotic wildlife. There are also many Mayan sites to explore.

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New York City

At Grand Central Terminal a free light show plays on the walls of the main concourse every half-hour through December. Other things to see: Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree with 30,000 lights; elaborate holiday window displays; and "the world's largest menorah," at 10 metres high, in front of the Plaza Hotel.

Grand Central Terminal, New York

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Rhine River

A holiday-season cruise on the Rhine River: An eight-day tour between Basel, Switzerland, and Cologne, Germany, includes both famous and lesser-known Christmas markets.

Enjoy bucolic views on a Rhine River cruise

Santiago, Chile

An exciting city with a stunning location at the foot of the Andes Mountains. There are chic restaurants and stylish hotels and new museums.

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Check out art and sculpture in Santiago

Sweeten up with cherry fudge

For the ultimate in seasonal decadence, treat the taste buds to this deliciously rich dessert

Looking for a fun idea for the office potluck this holiday season? Try a hand at making fudge this year. With a few simple ingredients you can create a rich and chocolatey treat.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 can (150 g) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 1 pkg (360 g) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 jar (210 g) marshmallow crème
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 1 cup (250 mL) slivered almonds, toasted
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) dried Bing cherries, chopped
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) whole blanched almonds toasted, for garnish (optional)

Preparation:

1. Butter 9-inch (2 L) square baking pan; set aside.
2. In 3-quart (2.8 L) saucepan over medium-high heat, stir sugar, milk and butter until butter melts and mixture comes to a full boil. Continue to cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Remove from heat; gradually mix in chocolate chips until melted, then stir in marshmallow crème until melted and thoroughly blended. Mix in vanilla, slivered almonds and cherries to distribute evenly.
4. With a rubber spatula, scrape into buttered pan and smooth the top. Decorate with whole almonds, spacing apart and pressing in lightly, so that fudge can be cut into squares between almonds. Allow to set in cool place for 2 to 3 hours.
5. Cut fudge into squares; arrange and cover with plastic wrap in gift packages, or place on serving dish. To store, wrap and refrigerate up to 1 week. Bring to room temperature before serving.

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▶ Almonds and cherries mixed in fudge ... yummy!

Drink of the week

Orange and cherry

Here is a fun way to get your guests involved in their drink.

- 1.5 oz orange flavour vodka
- maraschino cherry
- orange slice
- sparkling water

In a mixing glass filled with ice cubes, chill orange flavoured vodka. Then pour into a cone shape glass. Add maraschino cherry. Place orange slice in the top of the glass in order to seal in the vodka.
To serve, pour cold sparkling water over the orange slice.
Serve the cocktail with a straw and ask your guest to push on the orange slice to mix the drink.
Makes 1 serving.

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Start the day with festive fruit-stuffed soda bread

Tempt the tummy with a light, easy-to-make recipe sure to get you and the family into the holiday spirit

Swing into baking season and delight friends and family members with this sweet and simple-to-whip-up soda bread with dried cherries.

It's perfect at breakfast or with a cup of tea or coffee during a welcome break in the busy work day.

Try the sliced loaf with butter or cream cheese.

Ingredients:

- 1.125 ml (4 1/2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) baking soda
- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shortening
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cherries
- 500 ml (2 cups) buttermilk

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a baking sheet or line with parchment paper.
2. In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. Cut in shortening with a pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add cherries and buttermilk, stirring until all ingredients are moistened. Turn out onto floured surface and knead dough for about 1 minute. Shape into a ball.
4. lace on prepared baking sheet and bake in centre of the over for 30-35 minutes or until loaf is a lovely golden and sounds hollow when tapped.

SOURCE: EMILY RICHARDS

Cherry bread

Pounding the pavement pays off

STUDENT VOICE

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I recently graduated from York University with a BA (Honours) in communications studies. I participated in many internships throughout my university career, had numerous part-time jobs, and I excelled academically.

I thought that finding a job when I graduated would be incredibly easy, since I was so motivated and enthusiastic about joining the workforce. But little did I know that this would not be the case.

I was eager to find a position in the field of communications and public relations in order to see if this type of work was right for me. Checking job boards was one of my daily activities.

▶ Naomi Elmaleh kept her head high during the hunt and now she's got plenty to smile about.

I applied and kept track of every resumé and cover letter I sent in — and it totalled over 90 in the span of five months. After only hearing back from six or seven, I was discouraged, furious, and upset with myself. I just had to find another way.

I found the best way to look for work was networking. I made use of all the resources and connections I had because I realized that you never know who might know of someone who is looking for someone.

I also found it helpful to go on informational interviews, which is calling or emailing someone from a company you would like to work for and asking if they would be willing to meet with you briefly.

You would be surprised to see how many professionals are willing to help out recent grads.

Feel free to ask them anything about their line of work, working at that company even ask if they can take a look at your resumé.

Sometimes they will take it with them and keep it on file.

My advice to recent graduates is to never feel discouraged. Finding a job is very time-consuming, and it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. If the search seems to be never-ending, don't give up. I know it sounds a little corny, but it's true.

Tap into all the resources you can use: TalentEgg, LinkedIn, Facebook, friends, family, newspapers, networking events, and don't be afraid to put yourself out there.

Let employers see your enthusiasm, passion, hard-work ethic, and motivation.

After months on the job hunt, I was finally offered a position at a great organization.

Where Naomi is now

I am currently the director of communications and student programming at a supplementary school in Toronto.

I am very happy with my position and the organization I work for and I know that my time here will be very rewarding. I do hope to return to school to complete a post-graduate certificate in public relations and communications, as well as to continue my work in the non-profit sector in Toronto.

My recommendation for employers is to be more open-minded. A lot of job postings require a number of years worth of work experience in that field.

When you are a recent graduate looking for a job, this qualification seems very daunting.

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Always read over employee contracts with great care **Most of them contain employer-friendly terms**

WORKPLACE LAW

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It's possibly the worst rule in workplace law — corporations are permitted to insist that employees sign one-sided employment contracts that reduce their legal rights. Regrettably, employees with little bargaining power or an understanding of the law, seldom realize that their interests are being undermined. What are some of the more punitive contractual terms?

Probationary periods

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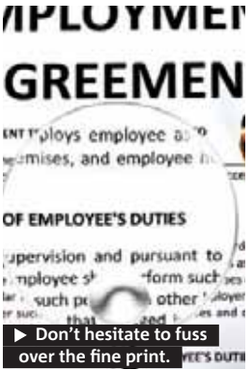

▶ Don't hesitate to fuss over the fine print.

New employees are not 'probationary' as a matter of law. They are only probationary if they agree to it in a contract. If they have, employers are then given the right to dismiss for reasons that would otherwise be insufficient and worse, by providing only minimum notice or pay, or often less.

Termination clauses

Without any language surrounding termination in the contract, employees are entitled to 'fair' severance upon their termination based on how long it would take to find another job. However, employers often draft contracts to provide employees with less than what is fair. Why would anyone to agree to this? Because they do not realize these terms can be negotiated or sometimes refused.

No contractual changes

Can the job be modified or changed? Once the job begins, employees can refuse any significant changes that negatively affect them, such as demotion or even reduced pay – unless they have agreed to a contract that permits it.

What should employees do? First, review any new contract with a lawyer and don't be reluctant to renegotiate terms. Second, challenge the enforceability of these contracts where the facts present that argument. I have won in court by raising the inference that a contract was signed without proper consent — such findings are not exceptions.

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A guide to workplace gifting

When buying offerings for your office, don't spend those holiday savings on presents you're unsure of

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Give the big guy a run for his money this year.

After spending 11 months as merely co-workers, the beginning of December heralds feelings of peace in cubicles and goodwill towards bosses. But before you make additions to your shopping list, consider these tips from Lahle Wolfe, About.com's Women in Business expert.

The boss factor

Should you even give your supervisor a gift? It depends.

"Assess it the same way as that aunt you see once a year," advises Wolfe. "What's the relationship? Can you name the things outside the office that your boss likes? If not, then you don't know this person well enough to give them a gift."

While Wolfe does recommend homemade gifts or baked goods for closer peers, she discourages them for bosses — these can be interpreted as either intimate or unprofessional, neither of which you're going for.

Beware of the gag gift

Increasingly, Wolfe sees offices encouraging gag gifts as part of Secret Santa or Pollyanna-style giving to alleviate pressure. But, she warns, this comes with its own set of problems.

"A lot of offices do this, and it tends to make people uncomfortable and turn into teasing," she says.

"When you target gifts like this, stick with something very neutral. Go with something you might give a child, so that's why it's a gag."

Meaning, no cigars for the guy who is always on a smoke break, no watches for the co-worker who is always late, and no booze for the girl who can't say no to happy hour.

On the wording

Wishing someone Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah is perfectly fine, provided you're sure that's what the person celebrates. If there's a question, go with Happy Holidays.

"In an office environment, handle it like you would in a public school," says Wolfe. "Happy Holidays is a great neutral thing to say."

Gifting goofs

Wolfe is a fan of the iTunes gift card, where $10 can go a long way in getting someone through a long Monday morning. But whatever you do, don't give these:

- **Perfume and jewelry** "Perfume or jewelry are sort of intimate — it says that you're paying attention," cautions Wolfe. "If it's something not generic enough that a guy or a girl could equally enjoy, it's probably a little too personal."
- **Scented items** Many people are allergic to artificial scents or are just very particular about which ones they like. Again, cautions Wolfe, some people could interpret these as conveying intimacy — scents are personal.
- **Anything religious** Generic holiday ornaments and greeting cards are fine, but stay away from anything that's directly faith-related.

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We're a quarter into the regular season already — time flies when you're calling for your starting goalie's head, eh? — and nothing celebrates a frivolous milestone like some awards based entirely on frivolities.

THE DANIEL AND HENRIK SEDIN "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY" AWARD: Goes to ... Daniel and Henrik Sedin. The Bros. are getting little attention (and when they do it tends to be negative), despite the fact they're both top 10 in scoring and make up the NHL's third-best duo (46 points combined) behind only Phil Kessel and Joffrey Lupul in Toronto (56) and Buffalo's Thomas Vanek and Jason Pominville (47).

Yes, the numbers are down from recent years and, yes, the pair would benefit from a little more shoot and a little less pass, but the story would be vastly different if the team was playing well. As unfair as it may be, the Sedins have fallen into that strange, indefinable void where production doesn't count for beans; all that matters is the cup.

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▶ Henrik, left, and Daniel Sedin may put up a ton of points in the regular season, but their true value will be judged in the playoffs.

THE '05-06 HURRICANES-OILERS "MOST DISAPPOINTING SEASON AFTER MAKING THE CUP FINAL" AWARD: Goes to ... no surprise, the Vancouver Canucks. The Bruins had this one in the bag coming out of October, sitting last in the East with a paltry six points in their first 10 outings. But the B's have awoken from the hangover and won nine in a row since.

The Canucks, meanwhile, have been slightly better, posting a 5-4 November after a 5-5-1 start.

Boston is near the top of the Northeast, while Vancouver remains outside the playoff picture. Will the Canucks end up like Edmonton and miss the dance after losing in the final the year before? Absolutely not. But there are a lot of kinks to work out before this team achieves the "Best of the West" status we all thought they'd hold.

THE ANSON CARTER "WHERE HAVE YOU GONE?" AWARD: Goes to ... Ryan Kesler. There's no doubt Kesler is not 100 percent coming off summer hip surgery, but injuries alone can't account for two goals and eight points in 15 games, especially after a year where he averaged a goal every two outings in 2010-11 (41 in 82). "Hank" may wear the "C," but Kesler is the heart-and-soul leader and as he goes, so will the team.

Lions find magic in unpredictability

A change in play-calling philosophy coupled with an improved offensive line has put the B.C. Lions in a position to play for the Grey Cup on their home field.

All-star centre Angus Reid said the Lions made changes after starting 2011 as a predictable drop-back passing team with the odd run sprinkled in.

"We weren't winning games, the quarterback's getting hit too much and we were running a completely unbalanced offence," Reid said yesterday at the Lions' practice facility. "You're not going to survive throughout the course of the season."

Changes were made after a 30-27 loss on Aug. 13 to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers — Sunday's opponent — that dropped the Lions to 1-6 on the season.

Now there's more motion with multiple backs running the football. Or slotback Kierrie Johnson taking a handoff and scampering around the end. Or halfback Andrew Harris hauling in a Travis Lulay TD pass like he did in Sunday's 40-23 West semifinal win over Edmonton.

The changes helped the Lions allow only 29 sacks — the fewest in the CFL — but the Bombers accounted for 10 in two victories.

Lulay was sacked six times in a 25-20 loss in Winnipeg on July 28.

"Right now we're a way better team than we were in the two times we played them," said right tackle Jovan Olafioye.

"(We're) much better in pass protection and run blocking. We were at the breaking point when we lost to Winnipeg the last time."

The Lions went into Edmonton the next week and beat the Eskimos 36-1.

"We had nothing else to do but try something different," Reid said.

"Since then we've kept tinkering with it and perfecting it and you've seen the outcome."

The Lions won 10 of 11 games down the stretch, finished first in the West, had nine all-star selections and Lulay was nominated for the outstanding player award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Weekly awards

The B.C. Lions picked up three of the four CFL player of the week awards yesterday.

- Defensive back Korey Banks was named defensive player of the week **(six tackles, 46-yard interception return).**
- Kicker Paul McCallum took the special teams honour. **(4-for-4 field goal attempts, four converts.)**
- And running back Andrew Harris was named top Canadian **(Two TDs, 41-yards rushing, 29 receiving).**
- Winnipeg running back Chris Garrett took the offensive player of the week honour **(29 carries, 190 yards and one TD).**

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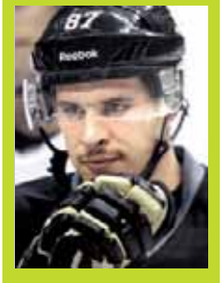

"There are things that as the games go on I'm going to have to improve and get better, but it's only going to happen through playing."

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Engine

Under the hood is an inline six-cylinder engine that delivers 325 horsepower and 345 pound-feet of torque. That's up 25 horsepower over the S60's standard six-cylinder turbo engine, which was the only engine available for the 2011 model year.

Also joining the lineup for 2012 is a new T5 base model with a 250-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder turbo engine. Unlike the 3.0, which is mated to an all-wheel-drive system, the 2.5 comes only as a front-wheel-driver.

0-to-100 km/h

According to Volvo, the R-Design will achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time in about 5.5 seconds, quicker by 0.3 than the now mid-range S60 T6. By comparison, the 333-horsepower Audi S4 is about a half-second quicker still, if that helps put things in perspective.

A six-speed "Geartronic" automatic transmission directs the power to the front (T5) or all four wheels, which is the case with both T6 models.

Fashion statement

The easiest way to tell the T6 AWD R-Design from the rest of the line is by its blacked-out grille, lower chin spoiler and rear lower-body diffuser that's sandwiched between the twin exhaust pipes. A set of 18-inch "Ixion" alloy wheels makes a unique fashion statement.

The only R-Design logo you'll find is located in the grille area, which is a very subtle and elegant touch.

▶ The R-Design is largely a styling package with an additional 25 horsepower and some matching suspension tuning. The brakes are the same size as what you'll find on the lesser T6-AWD. The R-Design lists at $51,400, which is about $4,850 more than a T6 and more than $12,000 above the price of the base S60.

Safe, practical, and a little wild

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It's always an internal struggle when your heart screams "sports car" but your head, along with the pleadings of significant others, requires something more practical.

Fortunately, Volvo offers a pleasant way to satisfy both sides of your nerve-wracked conscience with the 2012 S60 R-Design.

The S60 demonstrated added style mixed with Swedish sensibility when it was launched for the 2011 model year.

At that time, Volvo announced that a more basic S60 would follow.

It has delivered on that promise, but in a surprise move, the automaker is also marketing a more aggressive-looking — and acting — performance version.

The T6 AWD R-Design is an extension of the same car that has gone further than just about any previous Volvo model since the 1960s P1800 coupe at removing Volvo's boxy stigma.

For the R-Design, the front and rear end have been remodelled while leaving the surrounding sheetmetal mostly untouched.

The R-Design adds a more muscular dimension to what is one of Volvo's more popular models.

It's also one that can satisfy both the heart and the head of just about any driver.

▶ We've always liked the storage spot behind the centre-stack controls, but you have to work by feel rather than by sight when you're digging around for stuff.

▶ The R-Design interior is very similar to the T6 AWD, save for more bolstering for the front seats, more padding for the steering wheel and unique-look gear selector.

S60 R-Design

What you should know about the 2012 Volvo S60 T6 AWD R-Design:

- **Types:** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.0-litre DOHC I6, turbocharged (325).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic with paddle-shift controls.
- **Market position:** The S60 stacks up against the Audi Quattro plus other foreign- and domestic-based near-luxury sedans that offer a wide assortment of high-tech comfort and safety features in addition to all-wheel-drive.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 11.3/7.7.

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By comparison

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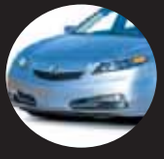

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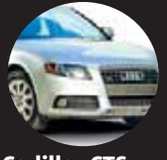

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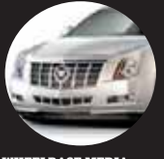

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Chrysler 300 loved for affordable luxury

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The latest Chrysler 300 left a huge mark on the market with handsome and classical styling when it hit Canadian roads some years ago — and it's been selling strong ever since.

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2005 to 2010 Chrysler 300

Engines

Standard was a 3.5-litre V-6 with 250 horsepower. A 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 could be fitted with 340 horsepower. That figure climbed slightly towards the end of the generation. All-wheel drive was available with either engine.

What owners like

The 300's styling, available V-8 power, honest pricing and comfort levels attracted many shoppers to showrooms — while a plush ride, easy-to-use cabin and overall value sealed the deal.

What owners dislike

Common gripes included slippery handling on snow and ice (proper tires will help a lot here), sub-par gas mileage with either engine, and limited visibility.

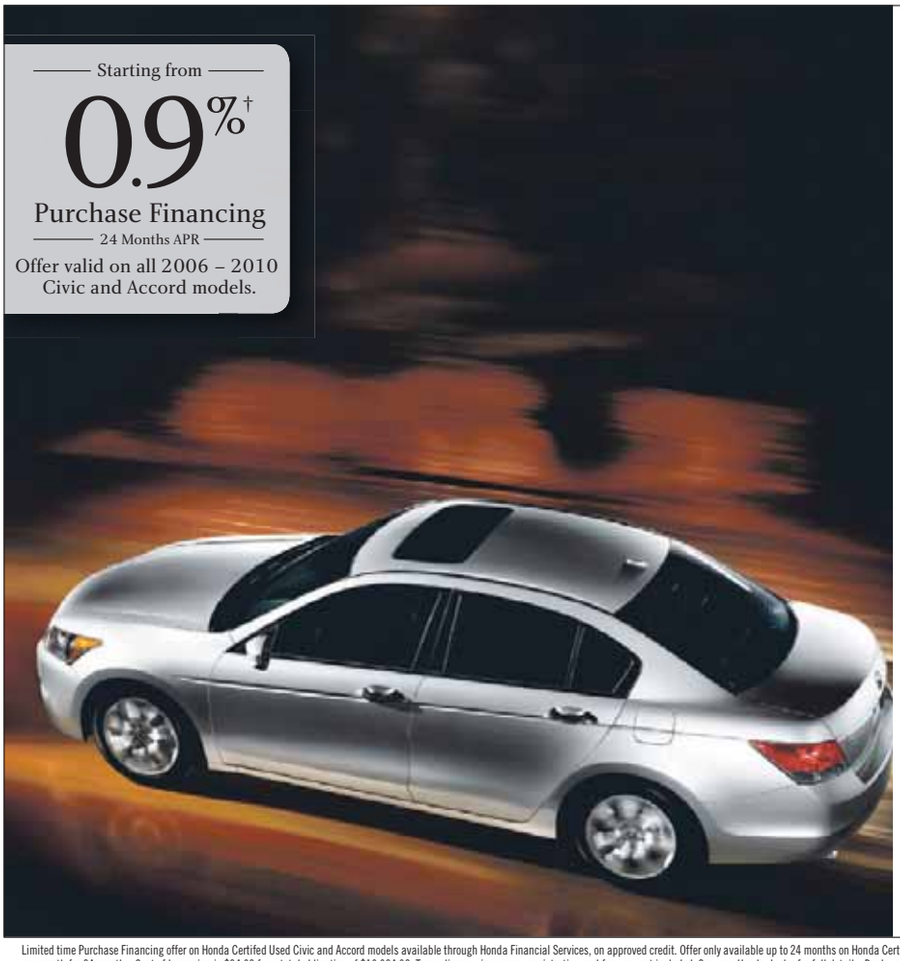
Common issues

Powertrain problems are more likely to be electronics-related than mechanical in nature. Ensure no warning lights are illuminated, the engine runs smoothly, and all instruments work as expected. A "scan" of the 300's computer system is also suggested ahead of your purchase.

Have the underside of your potential used 300 checked for leaks, especially around the transmission and transfer case (if equipped with AWD).

Verdict

At the end of the day, lower-than-average resale values, high-class styling and available HEMI performance should make the Chrysler 300 a popular choice with budget-minded performance and luxury enthusiasts.



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The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show is a meeting of buyers and sellers of aftermarket auto parts and accessories from around the globe. Together, they determine what you'll find on store shelves until the next SEMA show arrives in November of 2012 to begin the process all over again.

Everything automotive is on the table, from shiny trim parts and running boards to reproduction 1965 Mustang bodies and diamond-studded wheels worth a quarter-million each.

Just the brand new parts alone number about 2,000 and what better way to show those parts than to have hundreds of show vehicles wearing them.

Members of the press get to crash this party, which takes place in and around the 3.2-million-square-foot Las Vegas convention Center, while the public is left to wonder what the fuss is all about.

Well, this is what the fuss is all about.

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▶ What better way to show off parts and accessories than to bring along show cars that they look good on. SEMA, quite literally, has thousands of them.

Hottest trends

Larger (up to 30 inches in diameter, in some cases) and fancier wheels continue to dominate SEMA. Black-finished wheels remain popular, but chrome and polished aluminum pieces remain in vogue.

Also taking root are matte-finish paint schemes that lack any gloss.

Mercedes-Benz, BMW and other high-end vehicles even charge extra for this primer-paint effect.

Related to this movement are hot rods and older collector cars that have been deliberately left in their natural "barn find" patina, instead of being restored to better-than-new condition. The automotive coatings industry can't be all that crazy about this movement and is likely hoping it never really catches on.

But perhaps the most significant trend of all is the growth in retro-styled bodies.

You can now build fairly exact replicas of first-generation Mustang and Camaros, along with 1955-'57 Chevrolets and 1940s-era Ford and Lincoln coupes.

One company even makes a very cool reproduction of a Corvette Nomad concept that was the hit of General Motors' 1954 Motorama show.

Automobile manufacturer displays

Automakers are increasingly embracing the SEMA show as a venue to demonstrate how their latest models can be modified with aftermarket performance parts, high-tech accessories and trick colour schemes. Some even use this event to launch their upcoming latest and greatest models, knowing that the press will provide them with millions of dollars worth of publicity for free.

This year, GM, in celebration of Chevrolet's 100th anniversary, featured its new Sonic small car in various tricked-out guises, along with two interesting versions of the Chevrolet Camaro: a retro-influenced COPO (Central Office Purchase Order) drag racer available later in 2012; and a full-scale Hot Wheels concept painted and decorated like Mattel's popular toy car.

On the other hand, the usually spectacular Chrysler/Mopar display really fell flat this year, with very little in the way of substantive content and only a smattering of heritage models.

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Toyota marks Canadian anniversary at plant

A day after Toyota celebrated the start of Corolla production at its new Mississippi assembly plant in the United States, the big Japanese carmaker marked its 25th anniversary making vehicles in Canada last Friday.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada hosted a celebration in the southwestern Ontario city of Cambridge, where the company began its Canadian operations in 1986.

At the time, the company estimated it would have 1,000 workers and produce 50,000 cars a year. Today, the automaker operates three plants in Ontario and employs about 6,500 workers.

Last year, it built more than 458,000 Toyota and Lexus vehicles at plants in Cambridge and nearby Woodstock.

"(Toyota Motor Manufacturing) has become one of Toyota's largest, most successful manufacturing operations in the world," Toyota Corp. president Akio Toyoda said at the ceremony, attended by federal, provincial and local officials.

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▶ Toyota Corp. president Akio Toyoda.

"It has done so by consistently exceeding expectations."

Ontario has seen traditional Detroit Three carmakers — GM, Ford and Chrysler — cut tens of thousands of jobs in the last decade as their parent companies restructured in the United States. But Toyota and Honda have expanded their operations in Ontario, Canada's manufacturing heartland.

"Toyota is an essential part of Ontario's auto industry, and a big reason why the province continues to be the leading jurisdiction in North America for vehicle assembly," said Brad Duguid, Ontario's Minister of Economic Development and Innovation.

Still those companies have faced problems in Asia, where the March earthquake and tsunami and the recent massive flooding in Thailand have cut parts supplies and slowed down their global output, even in Canada.

On Thursday, a ceremony in Blue Springs, Miss. formally marked the recent start of production, almost five years after Toyota announced it would build a new plant in the tiny town in the sparsely populated hills of north Mississippi.

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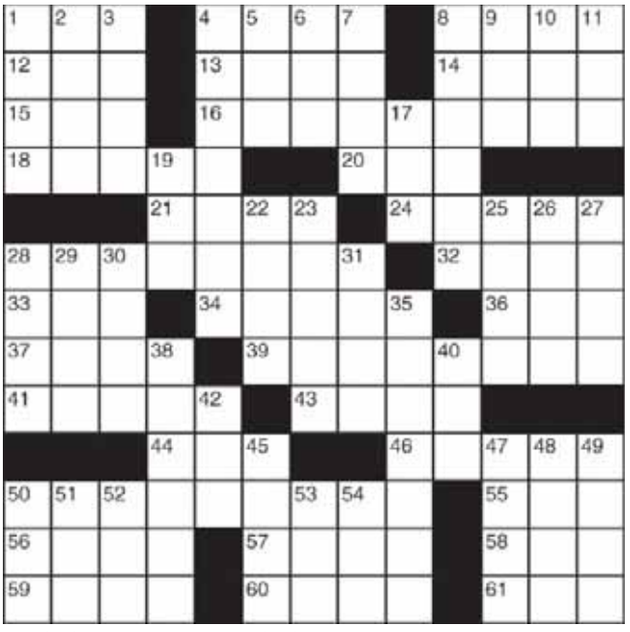

Across

1 Pump up the volume
4 Poolroom supply
8 Vase-shaped jug
12 Maui souvenir
13 Frizzy hairstyle
14 Tragic
15 Proscribe
16 Gave a sermon
18 Seaweed, e.g.
20 Mr. Sajak
21 Amorphous mass
24 "La — Vita"
28 Additionally
32 Streamlet
33 Lawyers' org.
34 Big brass
36 Unruly bunch
37 Daughters' counterparts
39 Lien of a sort
41 Arrangement
43 Machu Picchu's place
44 Slithery squeezer
46 Civil War victors
50 Not merely embarrassed
55 Modern-day evidence
56 Disturb
57 Advan-tage
58 Freddy's street
59 Old woman's home?
60 Merino, e.g.
61 Nay opposer

Down

1 Actress Jessica
2 Repast
3 Engine knock
4 King Arthur's realm
5 E.T.'s craft
6 Blunder
7 Detergent
8 Film worker
9 Oz bigwig, for short
10 Prior to
11 Roulette bet
17 Young fellow
19 Census statistic
22 Egg
23 Jazz style
25 43-Across' capital
26 Stop up
27 North Sea feeder
28 Church service
29 Reed instrument
30 Carry on
31 Exceptional
35 Fruity pastry
38 Nuanced
40 Pistol
42 Luau side dish
45 Not many
47 Concept
48 Sans siblings
49 Appellation
50 "— Miniver"
51 Reaction to fireworks
52 Carnival city
53 Altar affirmative
54 Id counterpart

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	4	1	3	6	2	5	9	7
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7	5	3	8	4	6	2	1	9
9	6	8	1	2	7	3	4	5
2	1	4	5	9	3	7	8	6
4	8	6	7	3	5	9	2	1
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You sometimes find it hard to change course when the situation demands it, but today you will do whatever is necessary to get out of the hole you find yourself in.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may have to be ruthless with someone you have dealings with today, especially if they have been wasting your time on trivialities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you start the week in a positive frame of mind you will find it easier to deal with what happens around the time of Friday's eclipse.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What the planets are trying to tell you is that you have been pushing yourself too hard.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Set your own targets and make your own rules.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Family affairs have been a bit difficult of late, but you will soon get the chance to put things right.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The approaching solar eclipse will make getting through to other people very easy indeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Keep your spending to a minimum.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Strive to have fun.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You cannot be bothered with trivialities. It's the big questions that excite you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Reach out and make contact with someone who appears to be different.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You will be under a lot of pressure today, but there is no doubt at all that you can handle it, so don't panic

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